

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

LUCAS, Frank D. (Republican)
Representative, 3rd District, Oklahoma
Elected 10May94 to the 103d Congress
Reelected to succeeding Congresses; previously
represented the 6th District



BACKGROUND

Born: Cheyenne, Oklahoma - 6 January 1960
Home: Cheyenne, Oklahoma
Marital status: Married (Lynda) - 3 children
Religion: Baptist
Education: Oklahoma State University, B.S., 1982
Military: None
Profession: Farmer, rancher

Political: Oklahoma House, 1989- 1994. Defeated Dan Webber (D) with 56 percent of the vote in a special election on 10May94 to fill the remaining term of Rep Glenn English (D). Sworn in on 17May94. Reelected in 2000 with 59% of the votes, and in 2002 with 75% of the vote to the newly-drawn 3rd District seat which now includes Altus AFB in addition to Vance AFB.

Rep Lucas is a conservative. Focuses on the state's oil and gas businesses, military establishments and farmers. Supports less government, lower taxes and a strong national defense. Also favors constitutional amendments to balance the federal budget and limit the terms of congressmen. In the 104th Congress, came off the Government Operations Cmte and took a seat on Banking. He was a strong supporter of the Contract With America. Believes the Davis-Bacon Act providing prevailing wages on Federal construction contracts, should be eliminated. In the 106th Congress, supported an amdt to the FY 98 DoD auth restricting full military burial rights for individuals who commit capital crimes where the death penalty is an option. Bill was aimed at Timothy McVeigh who was found guilty of bombing the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City and killing 168 people. Opposed allowing the President to contravene the 1995 BRAC law and give the green light to future administration's to do the same thing in subsequent rounds of base closures.

In the 107th Congress supported passage of the PATRIOT Act in response to the 9/11 terrorist bombings, a bill to expand law enforcement powers in the area of wiretapping and improving information sharing among agencies. Voiced opposition to another round of base closures in 2005 and said he would work aggressively with Enid community leaders to ensure the BRAC commissioners were aware of how vital Vance AFB is to the nation's defense. Benefitted from the 2002 redistricting plan which strengthened the GOP base in his district. Supported funds in the FY03 milcon appropriations bill for base renovations and repairs at Vance AFB. Voted in support of the Iraq war powers resolution, stating that his prayers would be with those military personnel put in harms way if required to deal with Saddam Hussein. Supported the compromise version of concurrent receipt of veterans' benefits and military retired pay included in the FY03 DoD authorization. Also supported the bill to create a Homeland Security Department.

Additional: Member, Impact Aid Coalition
AF Bases: Vance Air Force Base; Altus AFB

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